



Lafayette Mayor-President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

Monday, August 8, 2016, 11:30am

Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Katherin Boudreaux, Liam Doyle, Nell Hahn, Jared Scott
Staff in Attendance: Carolina McRae, Veronica Ryder

1. Liam Doyle called the meeting to order.

Katherin Boudreaux made a motion to accept the July minutes. Liam Doyle seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. Guest Speakers

Inspector Howard Babineaux, from the Lafayette Fire Department Prevention Center, addressed questions about ADA compliance for new business construction and renovations.

3. Correspondence

A. A letter was received from the Council Office notifying the Committee of Karen Juneau's term expiration, on October 31, 2016. Ms. Juneau is eligible for reappointment.

B. Liam Doyle handed out email correspondence from Scott Feehan, Executive Director of Festival International.

C. In response to an email request, the Committee voted against posting the TheSimpleDollar.com on the Committee's webpage.

4. Old Business:

A. A list of priorities for downtown accessibility were submitted to Tom Carroll, Director of Public Works, via an email from Veronica Ryder. Carolina McRae informed the Committee about Mayor-President Robideaux's request to increase the budget to \$820,000 for FY 2016-2017. The Committee requested an update from Mr. Carroll about the start date of the projects.

B. There are no updates.

C. The sub-Committee met to discuss improving the application, survey and complaint processes. The sub-Committee will meet with Terri Morgan on Wednesday, August 24 to discuss current survey results, etc.

D. Liam Doyle met with Senator Gerald Boudreaux to discuss ways to improve accessibility for Festivals Acadiens et Creole. Parking, food booths, and walking paths were main topics of discussion.

Mr. Doyle will meet with Scott Feehan to discuss Festival International VIP areas, restroom cleanliness, and accessibility.

E. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Heymann Recreation Center on Tuesday, October 18, courtesy of the Parks and Recreation Department. Veronica Ryder will research questions about the lunch, plaques and programs for the ceremony.

5. New Business

A brief discussion was held about accessibility at the Cajundome. Mr. Doyle will invite Phil Ashurst to be the September guest speaker.

6. Comments from the Public

Ms. Aymond reminded the Committee of the 2016 Diversity Job Fair, which will be held on October 13, 2016 from 9am until noon at the Heymann Performing Arts Center. Forty (40) businesses are registered. Goodwill will host a prep rally before the event, preparing attendees with mock interviews and e-applications.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Mayor-President's Awareness Committee for Citizens with Disabilities is scheduled for September 12, 2016 at 11:30 am in the Council Briefing Room on the first floor of City Hall.